

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, amend the paragraph starting at line 5 and ending at line 18 as follows:

In order to permit better use of the water in the plant and in order to facilitate circulation of the mixture of water and fibers obtained by the destruction of the scrap or waste paper material, according to an advantageous embodiment of the invention a recirculation duct is envisaged between the chopper pump, or other equivalent pumping means, and the container. By means of the recirculation duct, a part of the flow sucked in by the pump is recirculated into said container in a direction ~~such that as to favor~~ favours suction of the refuse by the pump itself. For this purpose, the outlet of the recirculation duct is situated in a position approximately opposite the inlet mouth of the pump suction duct. Basically, if the container has an elongated extension, the outlet of said recirculation duct and the intake opening of said pump are arranged approximately at the ends of the elongated longitudinal extension of said container.

Page 10, amend the paragraph starting at line 11 and ending at line 15 as follows:

The suction duct 51 leads into a separator ~~53~~ 54, which in the example illustrated is shown as a cyclone separator. Here the liquid and/or solid particles suspended in the air flow are separated and recovered, while the air flow is discharged externally. ~~55~~ 56 denotes the suction fan which draws the air through the duct 51.